GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2270
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2002
SUPPLY OF ARMS
K. ASUNGBA SANGTAM

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the old and reconditioned arms were supplied to the State Armed Police Personnel in the North-East region and are charged that of the brand new price;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Village Guards have also been equipped with sophisticated arms to combat the insurgents, who are armed with AK-47 and other sophisticated weapons: and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): 7.62 mm SLR, which are used but in serviceable condition have become surplus in the Army. These weapons are being allocated by Ministry of Home Affairs to the State Police forces on demand from the State Governments. The delivery of these weapons is taken by the respective police forces after proper physical verification. During the year 2001-02, used but serviceable SLRs have been issued to the North Eastern States at the fixed price of Rs. 5000/- per weapon as under:-

1. Arunachal Pradesh -400 Nos.
2. Manipur -160 Nos.
3.Mizoram -462 Nos.
4. Tripura -2000 Nos.

(c) & (d): The Government is implementing a Scheme of providing special assistance to the North Eastern States Governments in kind for Modernisation of their Police Forces under which items like vehicles, communication equipments, sophisticated arms & ammunitions like AK-47 etc. and other security related equipments are supplied to the State government. However, further distribution is done by the concerned State Government.